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Vpon the 5. day of May, the great Admiral
of Aragon, with 7000. men, between
Rossum & Driel ouer the Maes neare
Bommel entred, hauing made a Bridge
there lying vpon Iylers, which rid
vpon their Ankoys, the same was
brought vpon Carts, and haue tren-
ched themselves vpon either side.

With this sudden comming of the Spanyards, hap-
ned such feare in Bommel, that many fledde out of the
Towne, with such as they could carrie with them: which
feare, his princely excellence the sixt day of May, some
preuented, for with his oton person, bringing with him his
horsemen and footemen, for to encounter the enemye, it
hath giuen them such a courage, that they thought it all
vonne.

It is certain, had the Admiral as soone as he approached
the Towne, presently set vpon Bommel, they had bene
in great danger, because that the walls about the Towne
lay open, for they were amending of them.

The 7. of May, the Spanyards forsooke the Towne of

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Emmerick, breaking downe the Bridge, & brought the same befoze Rees, ouer the Rhyne-ure me, and all the Spanyards being come to Bommel ward, but first they are fallen with force vpon the Sconle Creuecure, & haue shot vpon it with great force, but through the valiantnesse of those that lay in it, they so encountred them, that they were glad to come to agreement at their owne appointment, and are gone out with Antient displayed and all their Armoz.

The 11. day of May the Gouvernoꝝ, Cardinal Andreas, with 300. of his garde, came into the Towne Bos, and the Admirall is come againe vpon the ward.

Vpon command of his excellencie, is all the Saylers of the flecte set forth by the States against the Spanyards comming into Bommell, so to make an onset with the souldiours foꝝ their countrey against the enemye, and to fight with the enemye: and the Saylers against the enemies Bridge. But the enemye hauing warning by two French men which were run ouer, it fell out, that all the Saylers be returned euery one to their Ships which lay befoze Flushing, aboue 100. in nũber, & haue waied their Anchors 3. daies befoze their Whitsontide. Two or 3. daies after, did the great Admirall follow them out of Tessel.

The 22. of May in the morning, by 3. of the clock, are our men fallen into the Trench of the enemye, where wer 600. men, & haue slaine them, bringing one of the Captains into Bommel.

The 23. of May, is the Legat with all his appertainers and Priestes, gone out of Wesel, comioied with 200. men to Colen, and it hath happened, that the Burgers after the old custome, haue their Sermons in one Church.

The 24. of May, one of the companie of Carle Ernst, lying vpon the ward against Reeslem, ouer against in the Parish Hessel, belowe the skonte Roren, did say, that they had yesternight taken certaine of the enemies, where one Spanyard being among them in sumptuous apparel, was brought

brought before Charles Ernst, and was examined, whereupon it happened, that there was caused to be made a running sconce, to pursue the enemy, and to hinder them of their vittalles.

There lie 24. cornets of horsemen, half a mile above Locustine, to Tiel, keeping verie good watch vpon the waele. The Regiment of Charles Ernst, lieth at Hessel, & Franse Regiment at Opinen a mile of the Scottish men & others at Vorene, about 2000. strong. The French men in Bommell and Tuell. The English men at Hasten, and are 26. companies; the Lord of Gistelles, in the Hemersche ward with 16. companies, having Treched the ward round about.

This night haue the enemies brought 2. peeces more, to the water side, to hinder the Bridge before Bommell, but could not vse them; the shot flieth vpon the ward aboue the Bridge. They shoote hard at our men of warre that shelter vnder our wings, wherby our victulers are removed most on the other side. About 9. a clock, were shot 2. of our pioneers at the Bos gate, the one the head off, the other the leg a peeces. After that, came a shot of 36. pound through a house, where 6. men were at breakfast through the walls, through a Chummy, and cast their meat away, but hurt no man, and fell on a Cubberd, and there ended.

By and by after, comes another shot flying, in the Gell-houle street, taking away the leg of a yonth, & so flieth through the wall at the signe of the looking glasse, and remained in a wall as thogh it had bin laid in it, had they bin 3. or 4. fote nearer & water, it might a hurt many vpon the market place.

The enemy is gone with 3000. fote men and one thousand horse, to fetch their vittalles and other necessarie things conuoying them.

This day are sent for, all Carpenters, Masons, Gorcum and other places, which are set a work in the Treches.

This night is the enemy come nearer the Bos gate. This afternoon came a Drū of the enemy blinded, to rain-
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some an Italian: there was also brought a Surgeon of the enemy prisoner, and was laid in the lodgement of Sir Francis Vere, & was examined in presence of 7. or 8. captains.

His princely excellence, with other Gentils, is gone in all Bulwarks and Trenches, also in the outmost Trenches out of Bos gate, and the great Bulwark, where 3. Brazen Pieces stand, and upon the great Bulwarke, 11. Cannons and a long Piece, and an Iron Piece, which all this day continually haue played upon the enemy. Upon the Bulwarke betwene the Sant gate and Steiger gate, lie 4. Pieces, wherewith they played the most part of the day.

On the other side of the water over against the place at Vlerdenborch, begins our men to make a Foote upon the water side, there lie 4. Pieces to hinder the enemy to approach neare the water, so that it will be a man to see how from this Foote, they shote in all quarters of the enemies Leager.

The news is, that they carie daily, many dead and maimed to Bos, saving those that be buried in field and ditches.

Against even are shot 2. Cannons upon the Tent of the enemy, from the great Bulwarke, that the Tent flew in the ayre. There came at 6. a Clocke, a shot upon the corner of the Market, against the corner of the Market house, and flew all the Market over and hurt no man, with great marvell. There came an other shot by the Steiger gate, and took away the arme of a man of Amsterdam.

The enemy haue plaid all this night with 10. Pieces, and ceased against night: but the houre about 10. a Clocke haue made three bouts. And then are they with horsemen and footemen strept out, but haue done no exploit.

The 25. of May in the morning, declared the horsemaster Gerret Verstraten, that the enemy was marched by Bos with 12. companies of horse, and 3000. footemen.

The Pioners and Souldiours, which lay upon the Kolsen ward, haue bene constrained to forsake it.

This

This moznin, he brought nine hozses which they had taken from the enelay. They haue sene from the Skonce at Tiel, that the enemy haue raised their trenches vpo the outwardmost, and haue perceiued that they haue tried this night to come ouer below Voren.

The enemy is gone with 4000. a soote, and some hozse to Locuesteyn, but spech went that he had ment it vpon Breda. Whereupon the Prince is gone below in the night, and passed Tiel with sixe companies of chosen hozsemen, and a good number of footemen, the best out of all companies, and passed ouer the water at Worcum, to rayse the hozsemen of the enemy that lay scattered in Brabant.

Because they should not marke their pretence, the enemy haue shot very earnestly, and in fight haue brought downe certaine peeces, but ours are still continually plying the enemy.

This day at ten a clock had we newes in Bommell, that great mutening was in the enemys Leager, and that the Spanyards had but small stomacke to this besseging, and Laberlote greatly vexed befoze Traditor, had a better mind to bessege Breda, whereupon but few Spanyards be vpon the Ward.

The farmers of Ammel-royen, a mile below Heele coming, say that the enemy haue not past fve or six hundred men, therefore it is to be hoped the Princes excellence might go nere to make a triall.

This day is the enemy at Brakel, being determined to make there a ffort.

Whose of Tuyll declare, that the enemy appoched nearer the water to bring our bidge to ruine, and shot continually with three peeces, and haue this day shot certaine Halls downe off our Ships.

In the afternoone was there shot one of our souldiers in y Westhouse-streete, his leg & one arme off, in drawing on of a paire of new stockings: the shot past over all the Mar-

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ket place without hurting of any other body.

The newes is here from Bos, that yesterday morning, were brought in among other hurt people, seven women, which among them all had but three armes and foure legs, and that the Cast. houses are so full of maimed, that there may come no more.

About 7. a clock are three of our pioners vpon the outermost of our wings by the water, killed by a shot of halfe a Cannon.

This day is here a souldier hanged lying vnder the temple, because he would desire his ofrekening, and laid his furniture before the Captaines seate.

The enemy haue placed a peece shooting the wait of 36. pound, wherewith he shootes very sore over the Market, but hurts no body.

Moreouer, the 25. of May in the morning, sending forth their wagons & Cars, a yong man had his leg shot off: also in the outmost part of the trench were five or six hurt. Betwæne the enemies trench & our trench, lay many slain, which they and we both so feare durst not fetch away.

In the morning about seven of the clock, were brought nine prisoners, two Spanyards, one Portugal, six French, which meant to run ouer. There are brought two double Cannons more vpon the fort with much shot.

This night is the enemy with many tents and cabens retired back to be out of danger of our shot.

There are passed this day through the towne many skonce Baskets.

At two a clock is come a trompet from Earle Frederick to his excellence, for a passport for a Countesse to come freely in the Leager to see her friends.

Vpon this day is the Tower of the Oensche gate layd downe to auoid all danger.

The enemy haue bene very quiet this morning, and haue shot but six or seven shot.

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of Bommell.

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It is come that the enemy hath strengthened himselfe with horsemen and footemen: and upon the fort at Opinen are placed more ordnance.

This day is the Admirall at Bos with the Gouverner, the Cardinall Andreas, with other of the commanders, as Carle Frederick, Berch, the Marshall la Berlotte, conductor of their affaires in this fort, Sir William Stanly, with Captaine Don Carole, Don Lewis de Veyllard, Colonels, and Don Lewis de Velascho, Generall of their artillerie. The watchman upon the Steeple hath scene the enemy all the afternoone stand in battellray, and their horsemen spread as far as Helmont.

This morning was there one in our trench had his head shot off, the shot comming over the bridge, they shot hard with three pieces at the bridge.

It is come, that great feare came in the towne Bos, and Graue, that there were, what with dead and maimed, some 2000. His excellencie is this night gone downe with many horse and footemen.

The 27. of May about five a clock, are set pioners before the Bos gate.

Certaine of our men the last night went into the enemies trenches, where stood much goods packt, but being betwixt of the enemy, made haste away, bringing with them foure horse, and other booties.

Those upon the steeple could see the enemy lye most under the dike, where they were fled, they might descry them lying in five troupes, and many waggons comming from Driel, bringing Rice, being commoditie for their worke, and could well presume that their trench was not finished, where some of our venturers well might enter in and out, which betokeneth well with such as they bring fro thence.

There are of the enemy gone forth 26. Ancients, ioyning them with some horsemen, to fetch money and shot from Antwerp.

This day is there brought great store of Rice in the towne, and most at the great Bulwarke, where they do graue binder, and so raise it withall to make it broade aloft to place more ordnance.

This day is no man hurt in the towne, but they haue shot through many houses about the Gethouse-streete vpon the Market.

This night is the enemy so quiet, that we heare not a shot.

The 28. of May was the enemy ready to scape ouer to Opinen with fire Ships, our Sentenels were aware of it, and gaue vs warning, whereupon they roue all out of the ships, and brought the ship behind the middle ward.

About fire a clocke fell certaine of our men out, and brought seuen horse esteemed worth seuen hundred Guilderns.

At eleuen a clocke was a man of ours shot in his head vpon the bidge, and thre more hurt with the pieces of the bidge.

This forenoone is his excellencie come into Bommell againe, and it was sayd, that when the enemy perceiued our horsemen, they retired into Herentael, hauing by them the pay. Befoze the Leager some of our men came short with venturing too farre, and were most Frenchmen.

The enemy maketh a Fort at Tuyl right ouer against our Fort, wherewith they shot hard vpon our bidge and Leager, that the victulers remoue their tents, and set them within the wall.

This day is no man hurt in the towne, but many houses shrowdly battered.

These newes is come, that the enemy hath gotten from Mechelen twelue great peeces, which beare a shot of 60. pound weight, which they call the Apostles, and come with foure thousand Spanyards and Italians, with some horsemen.

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of Bommell.

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The Souldiers vnder Captaine Dorp hauing the night watch out of the outward fort, haue scene the enemy befoze the Bosgate, marking out a place to make a new Bulwarke, where they shall be pzeuented by the help of God.

The streame of the Waelc is risen a fote and a halfe, if that do continue fure or fixe dayes, it will runne thzough the Cauense ditch which is mined thzough.

Our hoyslemen and souldiers are come this mozning all in their quarters againe, hauing failed of their pzetence.

Here are come two Embassadors from the East, and are pzesently gone to the Court to his excellence, and are entertained very courteously.

It is certaine that the enemy hath had soz his pay, in the Bommell ward, about nine tunnes of gould, and summoned all the Souldiers which lay in Brabant, to appeare at the Bommell fort to receiue there pay, which pay can help them but little.

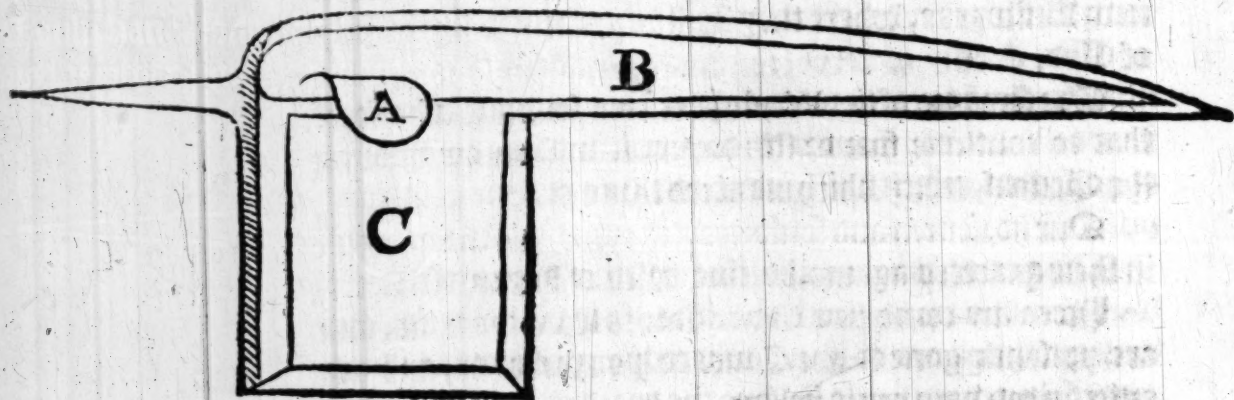
Vpon the Bulwarks do we make moze plats to plant ordnance vpon. Vpon the Bosgate shall stand fure Cannons. The Bulwarke is two and twenty fote thicke, and fure fote hye. We looked the moztow after soz foureteene Cannons from Holland.

The 29. of May haue the men of warre fished thzee of these springs, which the enemy had let driuen to spoile our ships, or the bzidge, although there were moze, we haue heard of no harme. They were furnished with fire Chambers with fire locks. They were in this proportion, the pick befoze when it touched any thing, did make the lock with letter A, strike fire in y gunpowder, the B, is the wood eightene fote long, sharp behind, and befoze about a fote thick.

In the square somewhat round vnderneath a case marked with letter C, in lenth about foure fote, & a fote wide, wherein lay powder with other substance, which

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Should haue done the hurt, the first was like a Lyster, the fier-wozke and powder as the other, and the proportion of a man standing abert.



The enemy haue not shot foure shootes this day vpon the towne.

Out of the towne are sent to Opynen, great store of shot and powder, where shall be placed foure peeces.

Vpon the great Bulwarke play foure peeces, but it is like, in stead of foure, they are like to haue ten.

The enemy hath digged vp a strate and the dike 200. steps from our trench, where one of our souldiers haue lost an eye, and no other harme done in the fight.

The watch vpon the steeple hath called and said, that the enemy hath placed more Cannon shot, warning some to remoue out of their houses and prouide themselves some other where.

The 30. of May, did one of our men lose his leg, and a Carman his arme.

The Drum stroke, who hath list to come and woꝝke at a new Sconce which we made by the Fririe.

And by the water byidge, were set Sconce baskets thre thick, for sauegard of the byidge.

The enemy hath stode all night in battell ray, the Spanyard against the Hydutch men, and the Drums went in euery quarter, and also the horsemen, in so much that they say, that Don Lewys de Reuellascho, Generall of the Artillerie, is greatly hurt, with thre Captaines more, which at nine a clock were brought dead into Bos.

The enemy haue set on fire certaine houses, and so made a clere passage to the byidge by the Onese gate, and there at two of the clock a man had his leg shot off.

We haue seene from the steeple, that their thirde troupe which is in the midst, with many cabens and tents are drawen together.

The enemy comming out of their Squaderne, is encountered of our men, and turning

ming euery man himselfe, haue sene that our Dyed-
nace haue greatly maimed them.

The 30. haue those of Tyel sene, that they make their
Bulwarke higher and higher, and the little one toward
the gate they leaue as it is.

The enemy at Druelen, two mile aboue Tyell, haue
made account to come ouer, where this day his excellence
haue sent 16. companies of souldiers, and fīue companies
of horsemen, which will giue attendance at their comming
ouer.

The 30. of May, as also two or thre dayes after, are
with great pomp buried Laberlore, Sir William Stanly,
with another Lord of Italy, whercupon great moane was
made, some could scarce beleue the death of Laberlore, be-
cause he could the black art. This day haue the enemy shot
very hard, that many houses haue lost their roofes.

The 31. of May, haue we vnderstood that the enemy
was in great scarcitie for prouender for their horse, for it is
so bare about all those towne, that there is not a handfull
of grasse to be had, but is cut so short, nor cozne neither.

There is this day brought a Spanyard prisoner, and
fīue horse.

There is word brought from the Bos, that the Span-
yards will bide no longer in the ward, and do dayly mu-
ten one against another.

A Spanisch Drum comming of a message, sayd, that
the Admirall gaue a maiſter Gunner 100. Guilderns, be-
cause he had playd his part so well.

We haue newes, that the Earle of Hohenlo in short time
will be here with 1500. horse, and foure thousand fote-
men.

A messenger comming ouer the enemies bridge, sayth,
that the same lyeth vpon Leters. In the deepest, and at
the shore, vpon piles and timber, and whē the water riseth,
is at both the ends ouer water.

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All this forenoon haue the enemy stood in battle ray, in five troupes. We had thought he would haue fallen vpon our trenches, but they were in discorde among themselves. Our men are fallen out vpon them, but no great thing done, but five or sixe slaine.

Those that are come from Bos and Husden, do affirme, that there came aboue 80. Wagons with dead and maymed into Bos. And say that there are come 3500. dead and maymed, into Bos and Heele there were come in sixe men hauing but foure legs and five hands.

The last day of May went a great company of our men to seeke the enemy, but the enemy being aware of them, could do no exploit.

Vpon the great Bulwarke vpon the small roundel, and on the other side of the Bos gate and other places, are all the gates opened to vse all the shot.

The first of Iune at 9. a clock, rid out a troupe of horsemen. There were also another troupe gone in the morning, but the enemy beeing aware of them, plaide one through another most braue to behould, but the enemy thinking that we had a rescue of footmen, did retire, and then we might behold how that with a shot from our Bos gate, swept a streete through them, that armes & legs flew in the ayer. Our men brought of them 19. horse, sixe prisoners, one Spanyard, one Frenchman, and there were of our men but foure hurt.

His princely excellence, with the yong Prince Earle William, Earle Ernest, and Colonell Veare, with other Gentles and Captaines, went out to see the worke before the Bos gate, and they had not bene from thence a quarter of an houre, but a man there did lose his arme.

Here is great presumption that it might chance to fall some where else, because the enemy did not see to haue any great hand at them.

The towne is now much stronger within these five or sixe

of Bommell.

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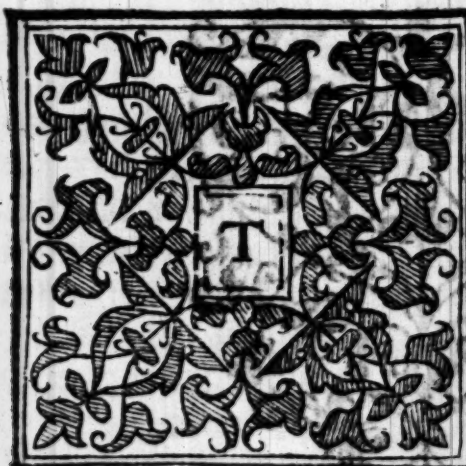
five dayes, that it is in a manner impossible to be wonne.
Our Cannoniers go to Tye, Mermen and Opinen,
and there do batter in their Leager, greatly.
In our outermost Trench, by onset, there have bene
a good part played betwene ours and their hoys
men, but our Cannon shot parted them, that
they were faine to retire into their
stone Trenches.

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THE COPIE OF
a Letter sent from Mun-
ster in VVestphalie, the fift of Iune af-
ter the new Stile, touching the Armie
that is prepared by the Princes
of Germanie.



The newes is such héere,
 that a man can hardly
 write it, all the Province
 of Munster, and Pader-
 borne, is full of Souldi-
 ers, which the Princes
 of Germanie haue rai-
 sed, being 28000. men.
 whereof there is 8000.
 horse, which the next
 weeke are to march for
 the Duchie of Cleue,

the Bishop of Collen is here chief Commander, who desi-
 reth to discharge his dutie, and to prevent the eminent
 daunger. At this present here are 6. Spanish Ambassa-
 dors, among the which, one is the Auditoz, that lay in Es-
 sen with Doctoꝝ Long-Cloake, they make great offers, to
 satisfie and recompence all dammages and wrongs by
 their Souldiers done in these parts, But can get no answer
 from

from the Princes. The best is, they are determined, not to
 leane off their Armes, untill they haue drinen the Span-
 yard out of their quarters, and as the Lantgraue of Hes-
 sens Chamberlain shewed me in secret, their desires is to
 haue the free libertie of the Gospell throughout all Germa-
 nie, (as it was in Anno. 1533.) and they of Collen haue
 already made a motion, to haue three Churches appointed
 in Collen for those of the Religion. Also here in Munster,
 they will haue all the Iesuits presently drinen out of the
 Towne, as they are already gone out of Paderborne,
 where at this present, the Lantgraue of Hessen himselfe is
 now in person, and it appeareth, that the Iesuites must not
 long stay here. The Bishop of Collen, as to morrow hol-
 deth a generall meeting of all the Countrey, vnder his au-
 thoritie, but most part of the countrey seeme to take part
 against him, and will haue an other Bishop, as also the
 Title of Collen. God turne all to the best.

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THE COPIE OF a Letter written from *Collen* the day before said.



He newes here is not small, the Treasuroꝝ of the Spanyards that was resident here, is now run away, and is not indebted to one, but to all men. The Bishop of Paderborne is gone to Mentz, as it should appeare, for some ayde, because the Princes of Germanie took his Countrey from him. All the Jesuites are gone out of Paderborne, and at this present, therein is great numbers of the Princes of Germanies souldiours: out of Cassel, there are 18. brasse Peeces brayne to the Princes of Germanies Campe, the foreward of their Camp is not above 10. miles from hence: it appeareth, that they will not be long from hence. The Spanish men of war that lie here in the Rhyne, must then off and be gone. At th' ensealing hereof, one of them setting Saile, shot at the Burgers, and strooke one man in the leg, and an other through, or in the throat, so that they are gone from hence without thanks, and with as good a smell, as the diuell out of hell: the other is yet here, he would gladly obtaine Letters of commendation from the Commanders of this Towne, that he might passe quietly to Dassel-dorp, for there they threaten to shote him under water, because there are many complaints come against him.

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THE COPIE OF an other Letter, writ-

ten by a man of *Collen*, to his

Nephew in *Amsterdam*, of

the like date.



Cannot write you the severall newes that are here, I wrote you in my last, that the Princes of Germanie were minded to give over their pretended warres, so that the Spanyards would depart out of the borders of the Empire by the 26. of Aprill, as they had promised. But not having performed

their promise, these are to certifie you, that the Princes of Germanie are preparing their forces with all speede, and are already in the Province of Munster, being 23000. foote, and 8000. horsemen, wherof 2000. are dimilances, where they shall stay, till the other five Provinces have likewise sent their ayde appointed: and they have authoritie both from the Princes spirituall, and temporall, to drive all the Spanyards out of the Borders of Germanie, as also your Souldiers of Holland, and the Lowe Countreyes, if they will not quietly leave the places they hold, and depart, minding not any longer to suffer the forces, neither of Spanyards, nor Hollanders in their Territories, to the

which end, their meaning is, to place so strong a Garrison in their Borders of Germanie, that neither Spangard nor Hollanders shall any more offend or hurt them, which all in generall, both the spirituall and temporall Princes haue concluded and fully determined. And we heere in Eollen must for our parts prepare 400. foote, and 50. horsemen, all Dimilances. The like must euerie Towne of Germanie, and each Prince doe, and contribute with the rest. It is thought neuerthelesse, seeing they raise so great a power, that they pretend some greater matter, which they haue concluded vpon. The Duke of Brunswick, is Generall of the Armie, the Earle of H. locke, that came out of Holland, his Lieutenant: and our Marshall Frentz, shall be Marshall of the Campe, What will fall out, time shall shew vs.

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